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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDIP, PLO, CY
SUBJECT: PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION IN CYPRUS

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1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SET OUT ACCORDING TO FORMAT
SUGGESTED REFTEL:

A. PLO IS REPRESENTED IN CYPRUS.

B. EMBASSY RECORDS INDICATE OFFICE FORMALLY OPENED IN
SUMMER, 1975, BUT THERE MAY HAVE BEEN PLO PRESENCE BEFORE
THAT TIME. AS BEST WE CAN DETERMINE, PLO HAS TWO OFFICES
IN NICOSIA. PLO IS CARRIED IN GOC DIPLOMATIC LIST UNER
HEADING "OTHER MISSIONS," AND IS ONLY MISSION SO LISTED.
IT IS THUS AN ACCREDITED MISSION BUT IS IN SPEARAGE CATEGORY
FROM EMBASSIES. LATEST INFORMATION INDICATES 10 - 12
PERSONS ARE PRESENTLY ATTACHED TO PLO OFFICES, DOWN FROM
A HIGH OF ABOUT 20 IN EARLY 1977, AND UP FROM A REPORTED LOW
OF 5 - 6 DURING MID-1977.

C. OTHER PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATIONS ARE NOT OFFICIALLY
RECOGNIZED BY GOC BUT REPRESENTATIVES OF SOME, E.G. PFLP,
FATAH, AND BLACK SEPTEMBER, HAVE BEEN ON THE ISLAND
FROM TIME TO TIME, PRESUMABLY WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF
GOC OFFICIALS.

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D. ALL INDICATIONS ARE THAT PLO MISSION IN CYPRUS
ENJOYS FULL DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES.

2. NOTE: ABOVE INFORMATION APPLIES TO GOVERNMENT
CONTROLLED ARE OF CYPRUS. PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATIONS ARE
NOT REPRESENTED IN THE TURKISH ADMINISTERED AREA.
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